

**GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON JUVENILE CORRECTIONS REFORM
M E E T I N G M I N U T E S**

Tuesday, June 29, 2004

10:00am-12:00pm

**Arizona State Capitol, Executive Tower
1st Floor Conference Room
Phoenix, Arizona**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Helene Abrams
Dr. Eric Benjamin
Collette Brumbaugh
Lt. Manny Cota
Tim Hardy
Judge Willardene Lewis
David Miller
Judge Anna Montoya-Paez
Judge Emmet Ronan
Leslie Schwalbe
Cherie Townsend
Margaret Trujillo
Gilbert Veliz

MEMBERS ABSENT

Sen. Bill Brotherton
Dr. Nelba Chavez
Terry Hance
Rep. Pete Hershberger
Derrick Johnson
Paul Koehler
David McKell
Donna Noriega
Beth Rosenberg
Jannah Scott
Sherri Walton

STAFF

Michael Branham
Patti Cordova
Oly Cowles
Marcy Crane
Pat Erickson
Dianne Gadow
Sandra Gonzalez
Lou Goodman
Tom Gronski
Amy Seidlitz

GUESTS

Karen Abman
Amanda Crawford
Barry Fine
Janet Garcia
Cynthia Gattorna
Cynthia Henry
Andrew Mudryk
Nicole Yancey

I. Welcome and Review of Minutes

- A. Judge Emmet Ronan, Governor's Task Force on Juvenile Corrections Reform Chair called the meeting to order. He announced that Donna Noriega accepted a new job at the Arizona State Hospital. She will remain on the Task Force as a representative of the State Hospital and therefore, Mr. Rob Lubitz, will join the Task Force, representing the Administrative Office of the Courts, Juvenile Justice Services Division.
- B. **Motion: to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2004 meeting. There were no comments or recommended changes. Seconded and approved.**

II. Miscellaneous Notices

- C. Tour Updates – Patti Cordova reviewed the upcoming dates for tours at the facilities. Anyone interested in signing up for the tours, please call Patti Cordova or Marcy Crane at the Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections.
- D. Mileage and Meal Reimbursement – Patti Cordova explained the forms for reimbursement. The rate for mileage reimbursement is .345 cents a mile, and meal reimbursement is \$7.00 for breakfast and \$7.50 for lunch. Forms must be mailed or given directly to Patti Cordova or Pat Erickson for processing.

III. CRIPA Update

- E. Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections (ADJC) Director Michael Branham informed the Task Force that the State Legislature allocated approximately 5.1 million dollars to the ADJC '05 Budget for CRIPA–related needs. Funds will be used primarily for facility renovations and increased staffing. Director Branham expressed thanks to the Legislature and everyone for their support.
- F. Director Branham reported that the settlement agreement with the federal government was near completion. As soon as the agreement was signed by all parties involved it will be released to the Task Force membership.

IV. Get Acquainted with ADJC Deputy Director Dianne Gadow

- Dianne Gadow was appointed Deputy Director of the Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections in April, 2004 by Governor Napolitano.
- Responsible for treatment, rehabilitation and education programs; works closely with the legislature, community agencies/organizations and public groups.
- Ms. Gadow has successfully established major reforms in youth correction facilities, which included initiating public/private efforts that assist transitional changes.
- From 1992 through 2004, was Superintendent of Ferris School in Wilmington, Delaware. Based on a lawsuit and settlement agreement with the ACLU, she was recruited to lead the organization through change from basic institutionalization to progressive programs focused on treatment issues, learning, and aggressive accountability. In 1998 the Ferris School was cited by the Coalition for Juvenile Justice as a model juvenile justice system with a solid platform integrating rehabilitation, education and treatment.

- Expertise includes the development of program services for high-risk youth in social skills; addressing specialized treatment needs, including academic, transition, art programming, staff training and accountability measures.
- Member of the advisory board for vocational program design of the National Juvenile Detention Association.
- Education includes: Bachelor of Science Degree from Concordia College in River Forest, IL; and a Masters Degree from University of Oregon.

V. Overview of ADJC Reception, Assessment and Classification (RAC)

Tom Gronski, ADJC Youth Management Systems Administrator, gave a review of the RAC System:

- Goals are to reduce recidivism by targeting factors directly related to risk to re-offend (effectiveness), and to improve decisions regarding treatment planning and juvenile placement (efficiency).
- Multi-disciplinary teams assess, prioritize and manage each youth's case plan on an on-going basis. The team includes staff from Education, Clinical, Treatment Unit, Community Corrections and significant others involved in the youth's treatment.
- The youth is an active member; family and community input/involvement is also strongly encouraged.
- There are various assessment programs used to assess the youth, which include MAYSI-2, Suicide Prevention Assessment, V-Disc, Education/Employment, Strategies for Juvenile Supervision, and Criminogenic and Protective Factors Assessment (CAPFA).
- One of the programs is Criminogenic and Protective Factors Assessment (CAPFA). This program is cost-efficient (public domain); used by a multi-disciplinary team; combines multiple assessments into a single case planning instrument; utilizes a motivational interviewing approach; is based on a model developed in the State of Washington; has high content validity, and is culturally validated in New York and Illinois.
- Sources used to complete the CAPFA Assessment are: youth interview, parental/family input, official court and probation records, social histories, education reports, police reports, mental health service provider input, and other relevant source information.
- The Type of CAPFA assessment items include:

Criminogenic factors – dynamic risk factors that increase the likelihood of continued criminal activities.

Protective factors – strengths or assets that help reduce negative outcomes.

Both Static (non-changeable) and Dynamic (changeable) items.

VI. Overview of Johnson v. Upchurch

Lou Goodman, ADJC Assistant Director of Legal Systems provided a historical overview of Johnson v. Upchurch, and compared it to the current CRIPA findings report.

VII. Future Meeting Agenda

Judge Ronan requested that a discussion regarding the final agreement between the U.S. Justice Department and ADJC be part of the agenda for the next meeting. He would also like to have the lead monitor present details on how DOJ will proceed with moving ADJC forward and into compliance with the Agreement.

Cherie Townsend would like to know how this Task Force can facilitate long term change.

Beth Rosenberg requested that staff correct any changes to the e-mail addresses.

Leslie Schwalbe stated that the Policy Sub-committee will be viewing policies/procedures of ADJC and will formulate questions to pose to ADJC on the Policy Unit operations. The committee members are Leslie Schwalbe, Sherri Walton, David McKell, Helene Abrams, and Beth Rosenberg. A meeting will be set in August to review the suicide prevention policies/procedures.

VIII. Public Comment

No public comment was offered.

IX. Miscellaneous

The next meeting has been set for August 31, 2004, 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was then adjourned by Judge Emmet Ronan, Chair.

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